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SUBJECT: TODAY'S NOON BRIEFING ON MITRIONE KIDNAPPING

I HAVE A THIRD THING I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS, BRINGING YOU UP TO DATE AS MUCH AS I CAN ON QUESTION OF KIDNAPPING OF DANIEL MITRIONE. NOW WE UNDERSTAND THAT KIDNAPPERS YESTERDAY GAVE A MONTEVIDEO RADIO STATION A NOTE DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF ALL -- QUOTE -- "POLITICAL PRISONERS BEING HELD IN URUGUAY." NOW, THERE WE‡AS NO SPECIFIC TIME LIMIT SET, AND NOTE ASKS THAT PRISONERS BE GIVEN THE OPTION OF TRAVELLING TO MEXICO, PERU, OR ALGERIA, AND I DON'T KNOW - HOW MANY PRISONERS THIS WOULD INVOLVE. NOW, FURTHER, A NOTE OSTENSIBLY FROM MR. MITRIONE HAS BEEN SENT TO HIS WIFE INDICATING THAT HE IS ALIVE, IF NOT WELL.

Q: HE IS ALIVE, BUT NOT WELL?

A: ALIVE, IF NOT WELL. ON THAT VERY POINT, AS YOU KNOW, HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT. WELL, ACCORDING TO EARLIER MEDICAL NOTE FROM KIDNAPPERS THEMSELVES, MR. MITRIONE HAS WOUND FROM BULLET THAT ENTERED RIGHT SIDE OF HIS CHEST AND CAME OUT LEFT ARMPIT. STATE DEPARTMENT MEDICAL OFFICE BELIEVES THAT SUCH A WOUL‡ND IS APT TO INTRODUCE SEVERE INFECTION WHICH COULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO CONTROL. NOW, GIVEN MR. MITRIONE'S ALLERGY TO PENICILLIN OR RELATED DRUGS, THIS CLEARLY INDICATES THAT HE NEEDS TO BE IN A HOSPITAL, FOR WOUNDS OF THIS KIND WOULD NORMALLY BE HANDLED IN A HOSPITAL ANY PLACE IN THE WORLD. AND UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE THAT INTERROGATING MR. MITRIONE AND PREVENTING HIS HOSPITALIZATION BY HOLDING HIM CAPTIVE, MAGNIFIES INHUMANITY OF THE ACT.

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Q: ARE YOU APPEALING IN THIS TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HIM TO RELEASE HIM IMMEDIATELY?

A: WELL, WE ARE NOT IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS, BUT I WILL NOTE THAT PRESIDENT OF URUGUAY HAS SENT PRESIDENT NIXON NOTE EXPRESSING HIS FIRM DETERMINATION TO EMPLOY ALL MEANS AT HIS DISPOSAL TO EFFECT MR. MITRIONE'S RELEASE.

Q: HAVE THE KIDNAPPERS BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT?

A: I CAN'T SAY, I DON'T KNOW.

Q: I STILL THINK SCALI'S QUESTION MAKES A GOOD POINT. IN THIS PUBLIC STATEMENT, ARE YOU ASKING KIDNAPPERS TO RELEASE THIS MAN FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS?

A: OF COURSE, YES.4

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